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Dear Harold,

Thank you for your kind response.

I agree with you that we should not expect the media to change its perspective on these cases. I believe that you are correct, as well, in your view that a different legal strategy at the time of your fine work on behalf of the defense might have made a difference.

I honestly believe that the nation and all who have followed know owe you a debt for the work you did in those early days. It was you alone who provided a dissenting view to the official line who asked significant questions which went to the heart of the state's case. As I move around discussing my own work I do not intend to allow people to forget your contributions.

My book was initially to be published by a large corporate publishers. We had completed all the extensive libel reads and agreed to fight with the lawyers at the editor. Then a corporate decision was taken at the last minute by senior management and I was asked to withdraw an entire chapter. I refused - much to their surprise - and moved the book to Sunset at Day, your publishers.

Harold, I regard my own work as

Yours

being built on the investigative foundation you established. What I have learned is more than anything I imagined. My success has, at least in part, resulted from the fact that I was on the case at a point in time when certain witnesses late in this life decided to open up, or in the case of Towns feared indictment on the basis of evidence he knew I had obtained.

The breakthrough was not possible at an earlier time, though without the work you accomplished in Transvaal up at the foundation it laid, I have my own effort would have been quite possibly irreparably poorer.

Honored, when I consider all of the rogue ad cowboy investigators I have encountered in my efforts to secure a trial for James, I have often dearly wished that I had someone of your caliber on my defense team. The absence of your sort of talent has hurtus since I have had to attempt to fulfill both roles - legal ad investigative - and you have demonstrated such competence. In a word, you've been missed.

Be well

As always Bill